

**COUNCIL MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

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White Paper	WP3	8/3/24	/3/24

Submitted by: Councillor Debra Coupar  
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board  
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Resources)  
 Relevant Director: Director of Strategy and Resources

Council believes that the right to strike is a fundamental British freedom and believes that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 is just the latest direct attack on this freedom.

Council regrets the over the past 14 years the Government have continually eroded pay, and to an even greater degree when inflation hit a 41 year high of 11.1%.

Council regrets the Government's failure to deal with the cost-of-living crisis and failure to outlaw poor employment practices, which Council believes have caused recent strike action. Council further regrets this legislation as an attempt to shift the blame onto ordinary workers who have resorted to striking to achieve fair pay and dignity at work.

Council further believes that the regime created by the Strikes (Minimum Service Level) Act 2023 is both unworkable and unnecessary and is an attack on the freedoms of working people in Leeds.

Council resolves to request a paper to Executive Board to consider these issues further and calls on the Government to repeal anti-trade union legislation.



**Deadlines for submission**

- White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
- Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
- Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting  
(including references back)

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)